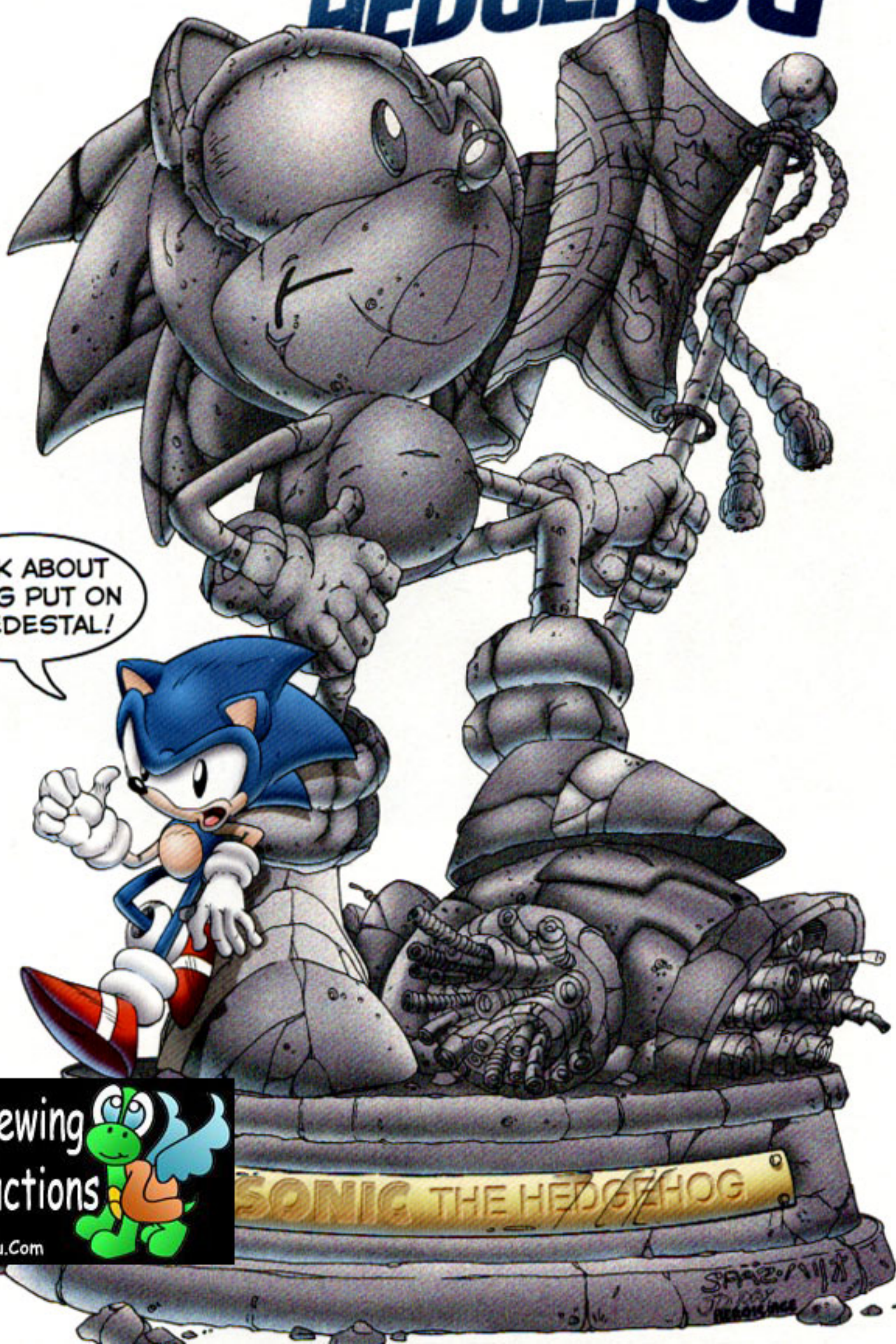


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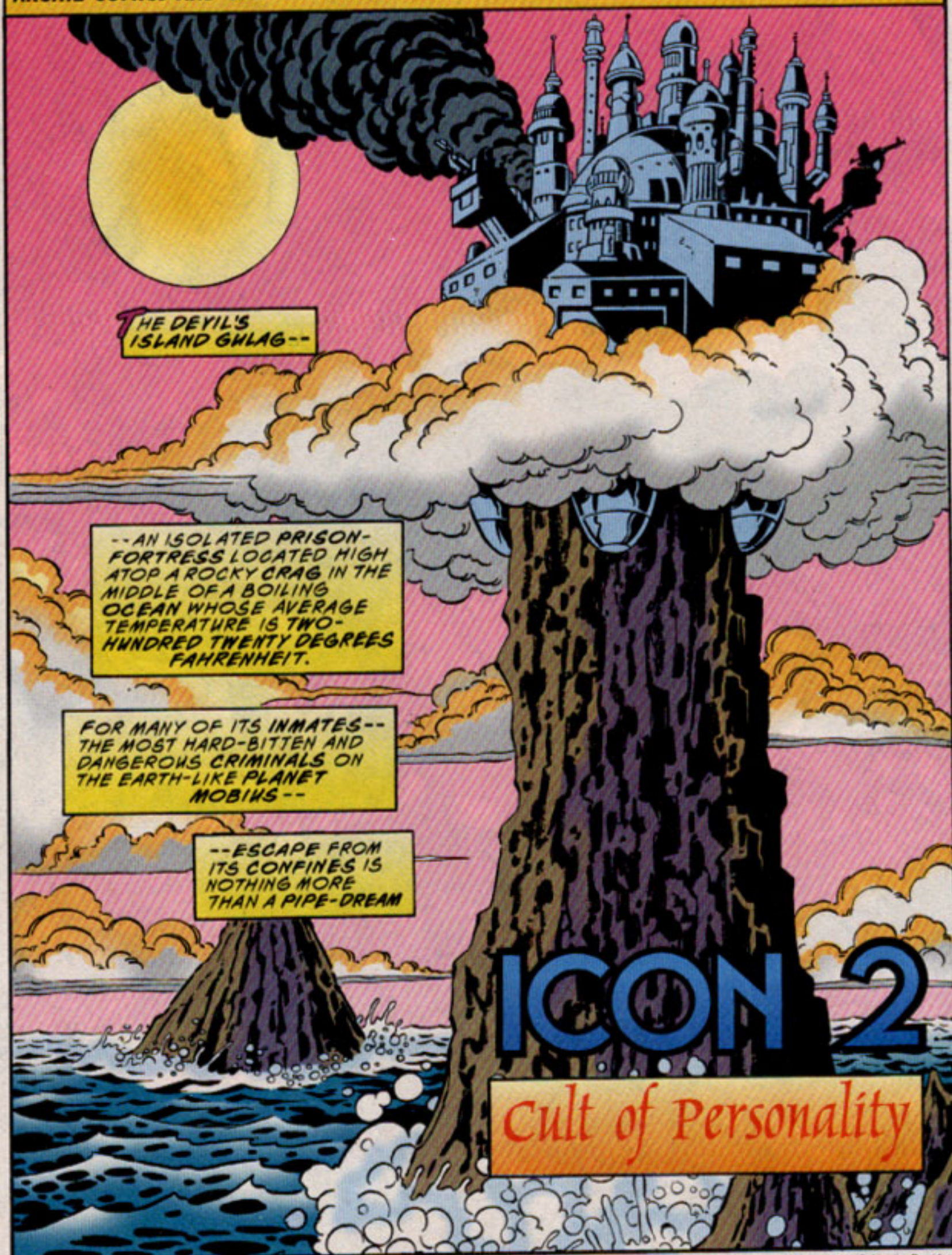
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ISLAND GULAG--

--AN ISOLATED PRISON-
FORTRESS LOCATED HIGH
ATOP A ROCKY CRAG IN THE
MIDDLE OF A BOILING
OCEAN WHOSE AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE IS TWO-
HUNDRED TWENTY DEGREES
FAHRENHEIT.

FOR MANY OF ITS INMATES--
THE MOST HARD-BITTEN AND
DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ON
THE EARTH-LIKE PLANET
MOBIUS--

--ESCAPE FROM
ITS CONFINES IS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A PIPE-REAM

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Cult of Personality

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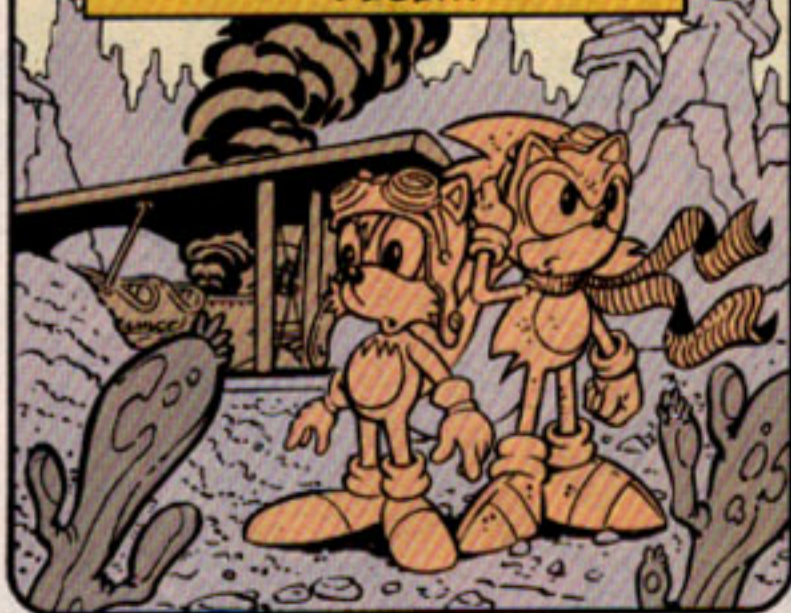
SNIVELY, WHAT
HAVE YOU GOTTEN
YOURSELF INTO THIS
TIME? WHEN I TOLD
THE OTHER PRISONERS
THAT I WAS PLANNING A
BREAK-OUT...

...I HAD
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA THAT
IT WOULD BE
FIVE MINUTES
LATER!*

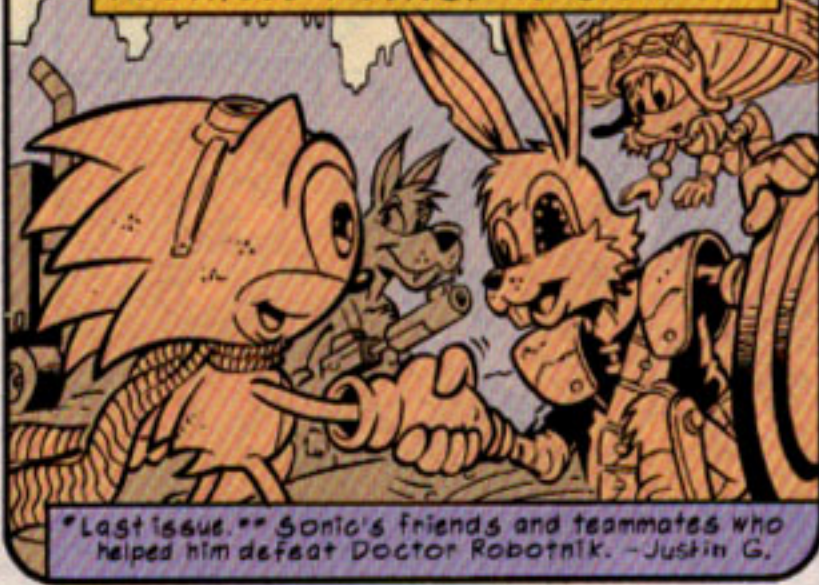
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"YOU SEEMED OKAY AFTER YOUR BIPLANE CRASHED LEAVING US STRANDED OUT IN AN UNKNOWN DESERT--"

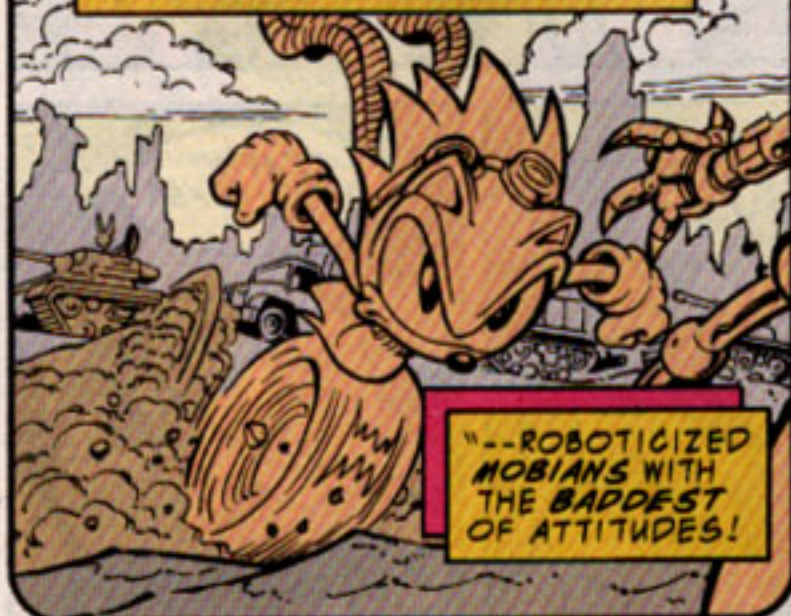


"--WHERE WE MET JACK RABBITT AND HIS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THE SAND-BLASTERS*-- WHO HAD MODELED THEMSELVES AFTER THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VERSION**!"



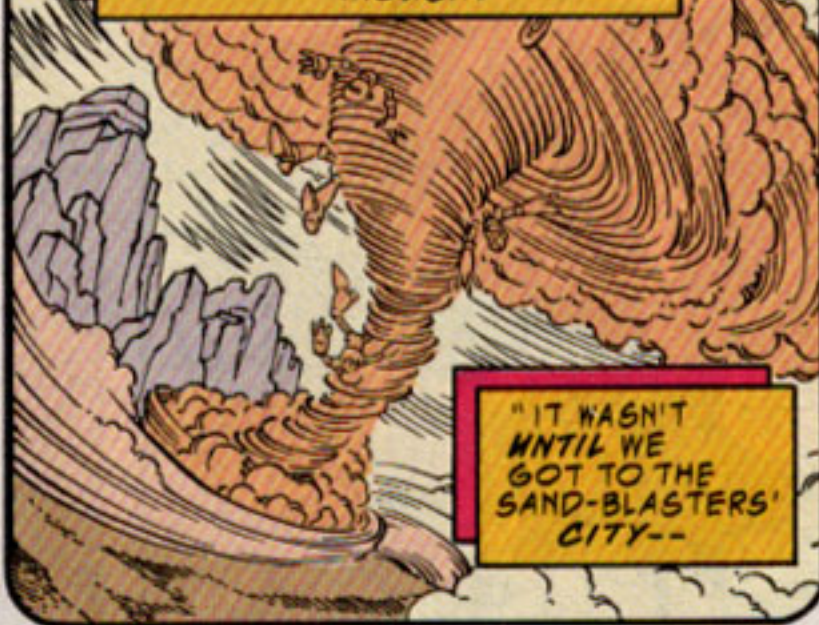
*Last issue.** Sonic's friends and teammates who helped him defeat Doctor Robotnik. -Justin G.

"BEFORE ANYBODY COULD GET A CHANCE TO TRADE WAR-STORIES, WE WERE ATTACKED BY ROBBIANS--"



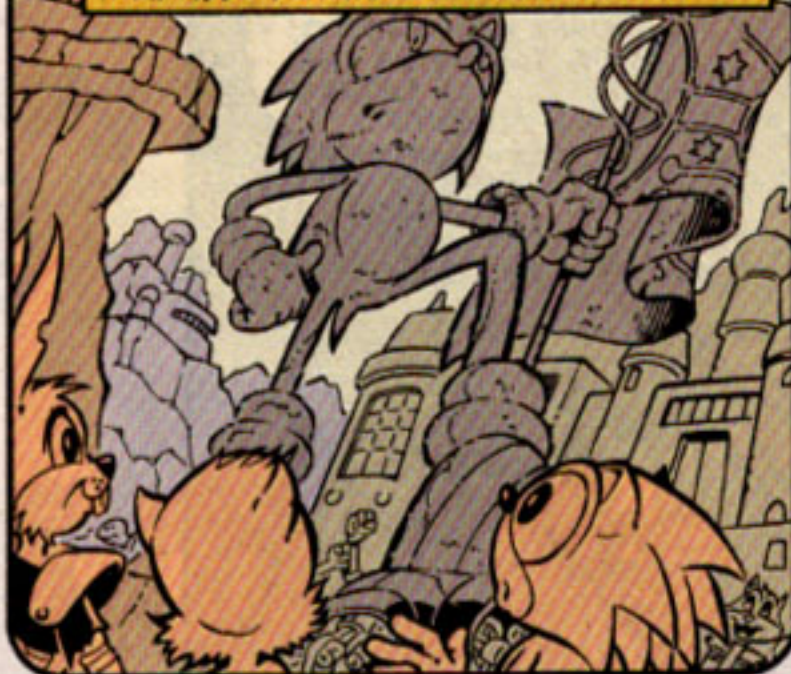
"--ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS WITH THE BADDEST OF ATTITUDES!"

"IT DIDN'T DO 'EM MUCH GOOD AGAINST YOUR SHPER-SPEED, THOUGH!"

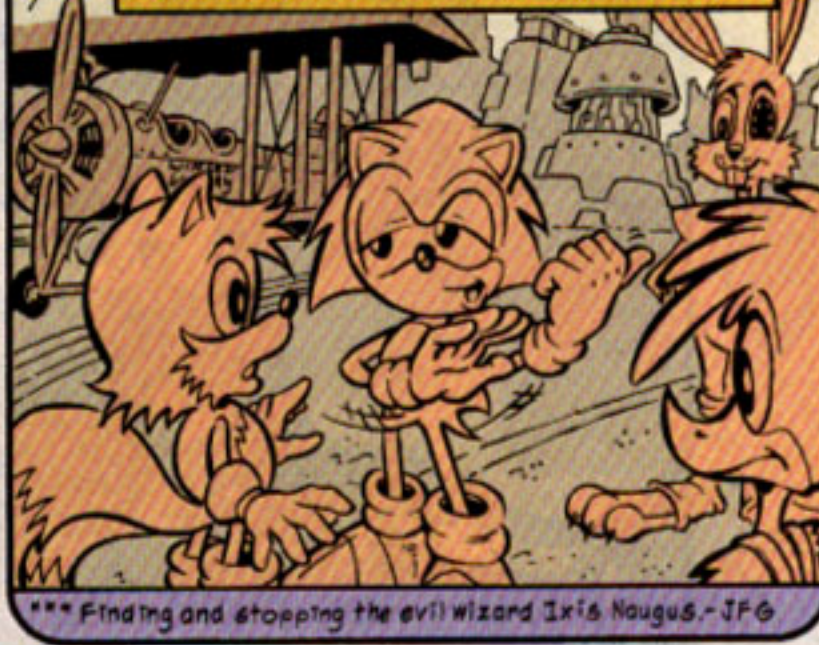


"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SAND-BLASTERS' CITY--"

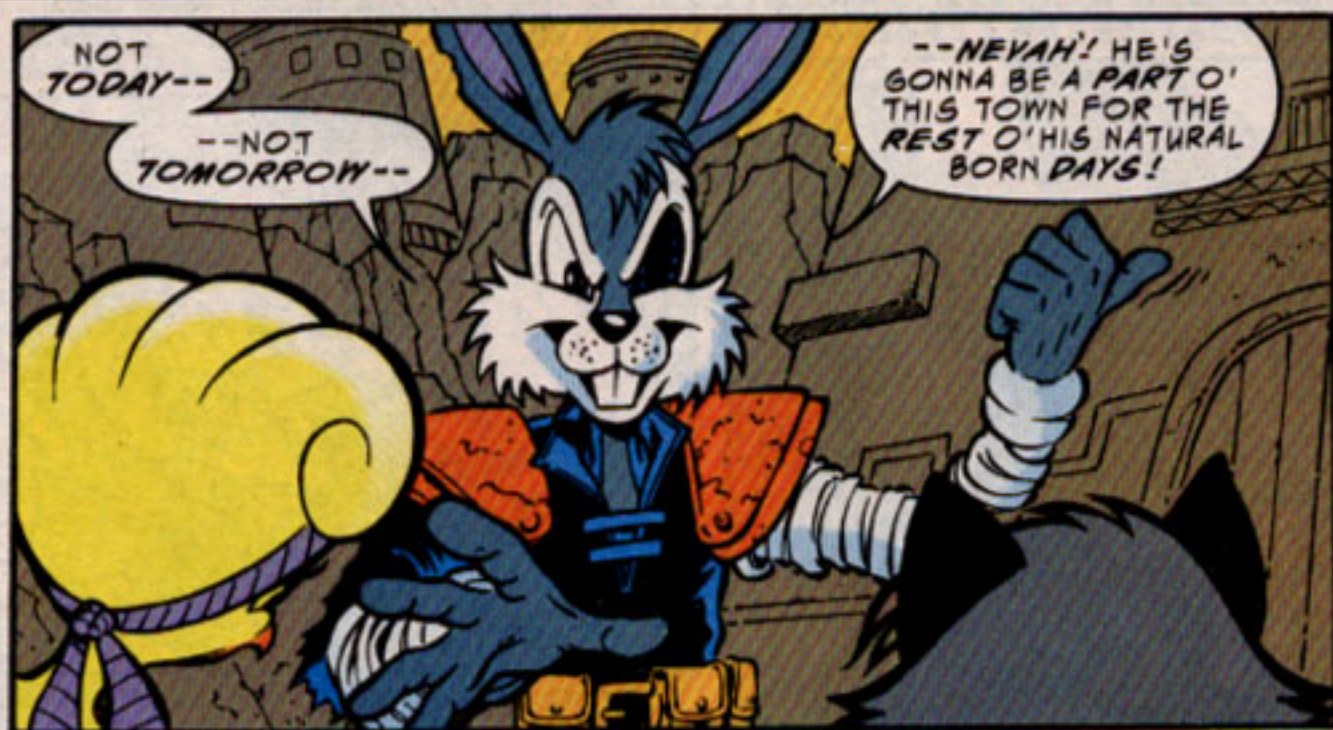
"--THAT WE LEARNED JUST HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE YOU'D REALLY HAD ON THEM ALL! YOU WERE LIKE A LEGEND!"

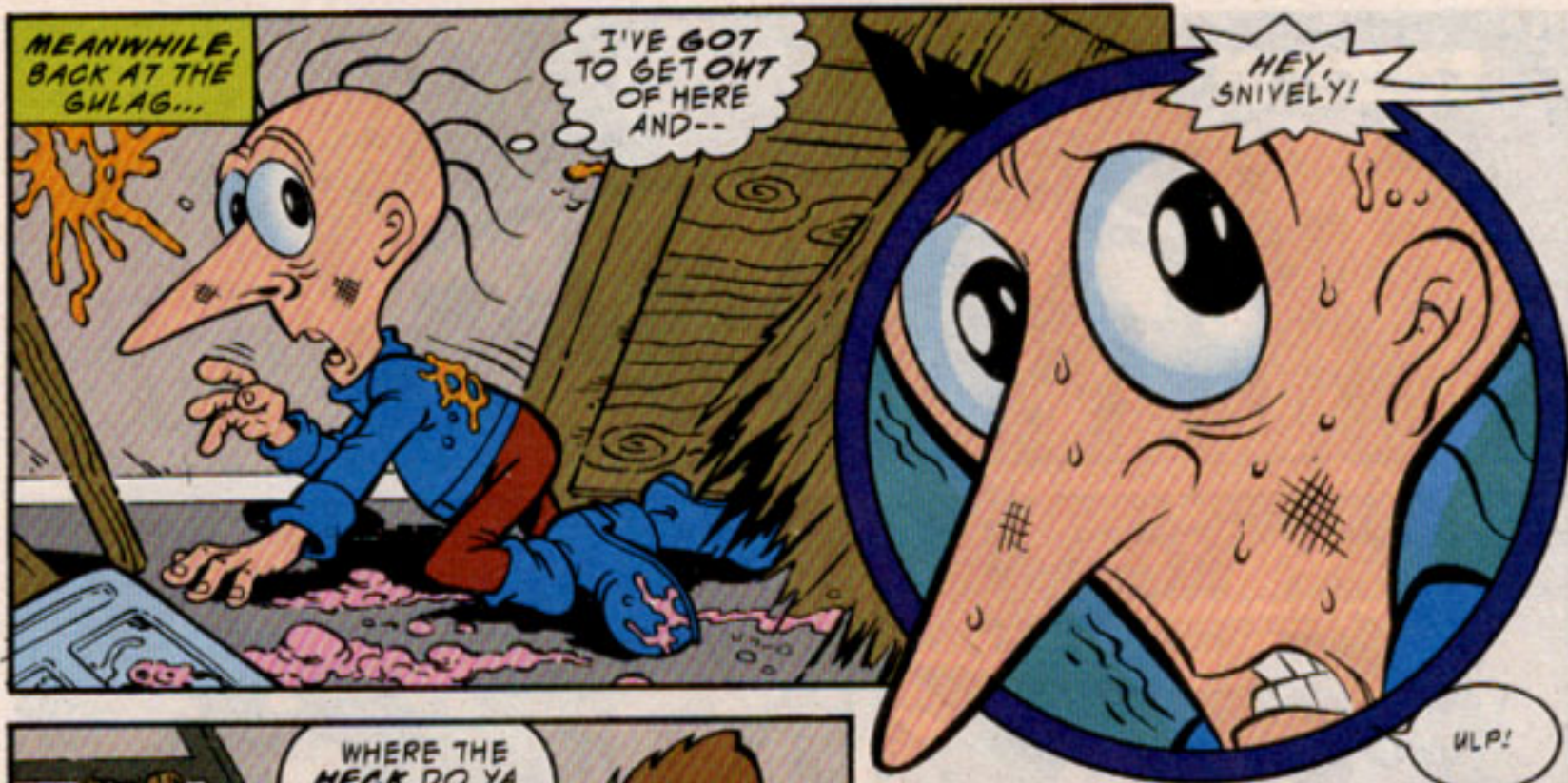


"ALL OF THIS WASN'T BAD UNTIL YOU DECIDED WE SHOULD DELAY OUR MISSION*** FOR A FEW WEEKS!"

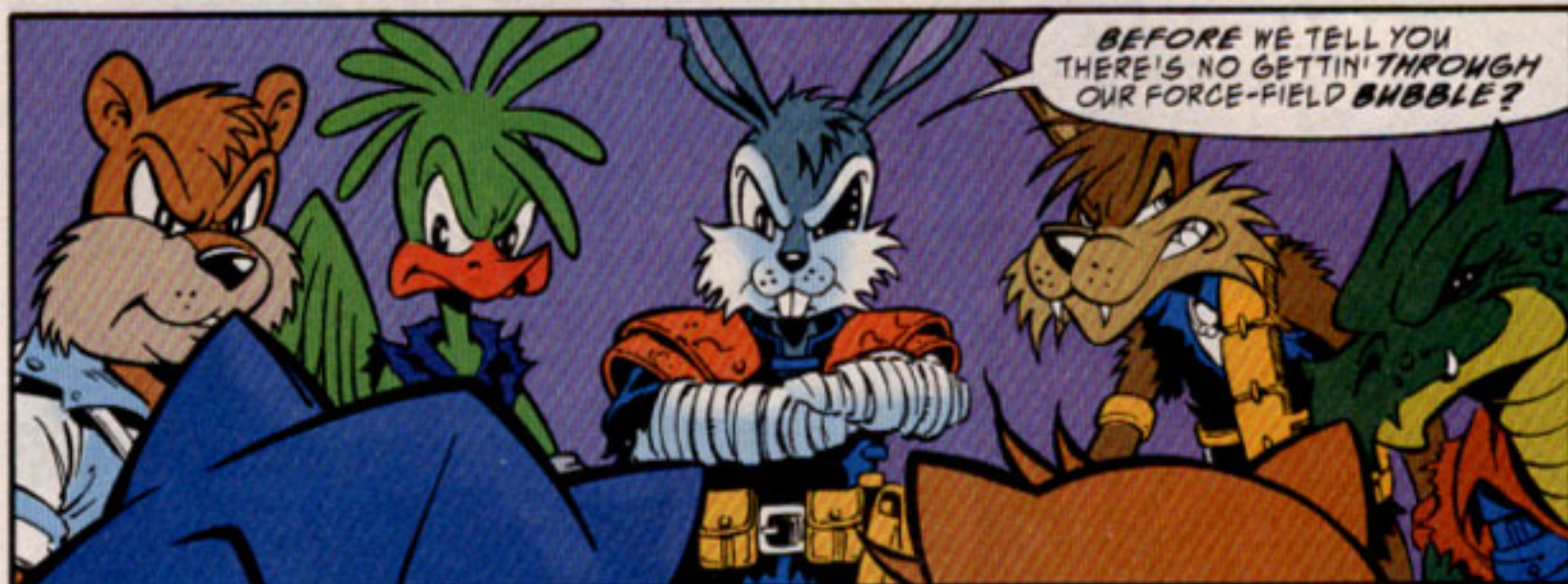


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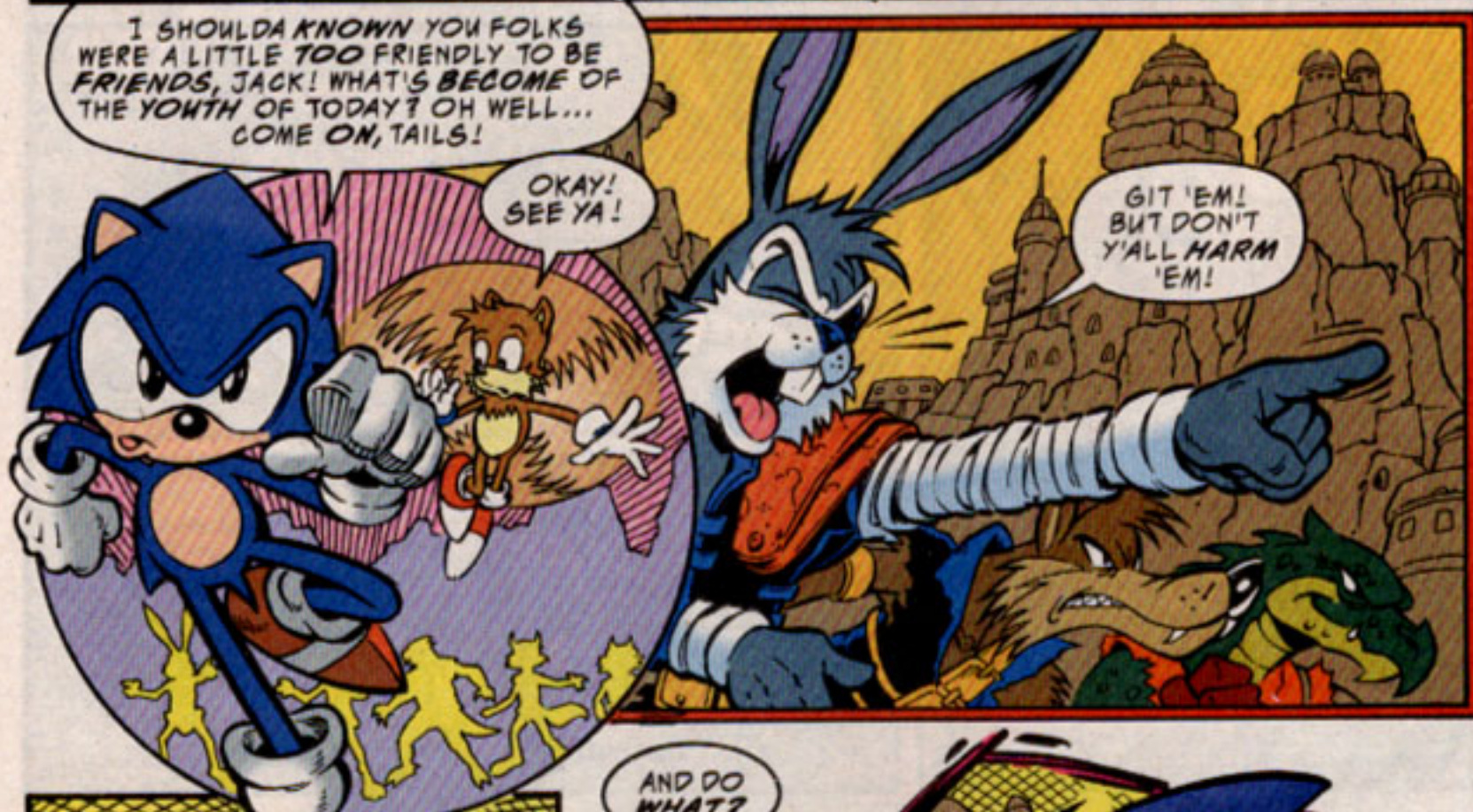




I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU FOLKS WERE A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO BE FRIENDS, JACK! WHAT'S BECOME OF THE YOUTH OF TODAY? OH WELL... COME ON, TAILS!

OKAY! SEE YA!

GIT 'EM! BUT DON'T Y'ALL HARM 'EM!



WHAT NOW?

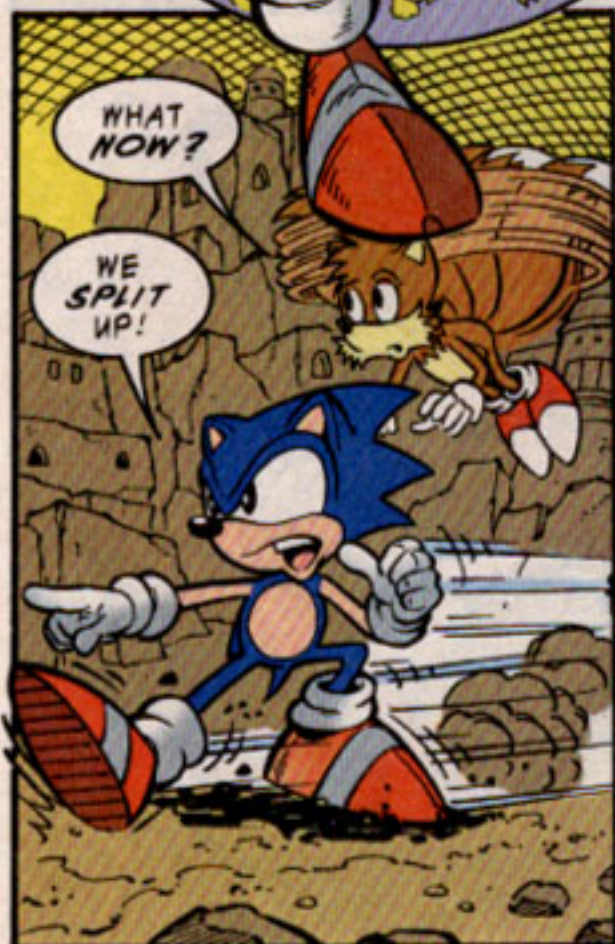
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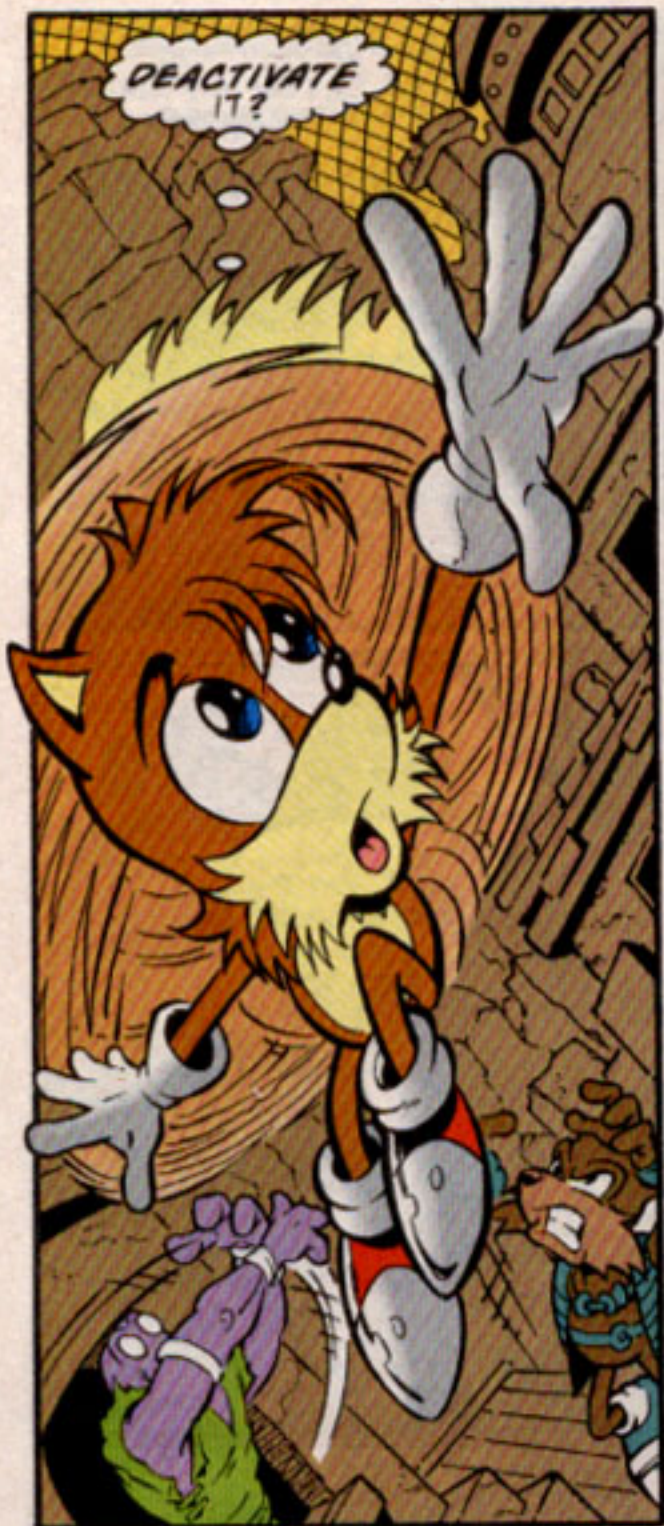
AND DO WHAT?

YOU GO GET THE BIPLANE STARTED!

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO DEACTIVATE THE FIELD!





DEACTIVATE IT?



"BUT NOW?!"

DON'T LET 'IM ESCAPE!

'WE'RE TRYIN'!
HE'S GOT NO LIMIT,
THOUGH!



DON'T WORRY!

WE'LL TAKE 'IM!

YUP!



SORRY, FELLAS,
BUT "DEMS THE
BRAKES"!

WACK
COUGH
WHEEZE

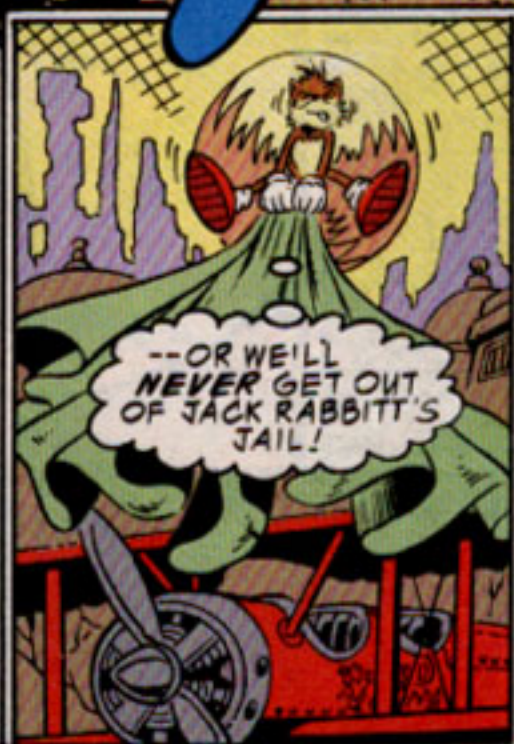


GET THE
LEAD OUT, YA
FUZZBALLS...



"...OR THEY'LL
GET AWAY!"

THERE SHE
IS-- WINGED
VICTORY!! I'VE
GOTTA GET HER
UP IN THE AIR--



--OR WE'LL
NEVER GET OUT
OF JACK RABBIT'S
JAIL!



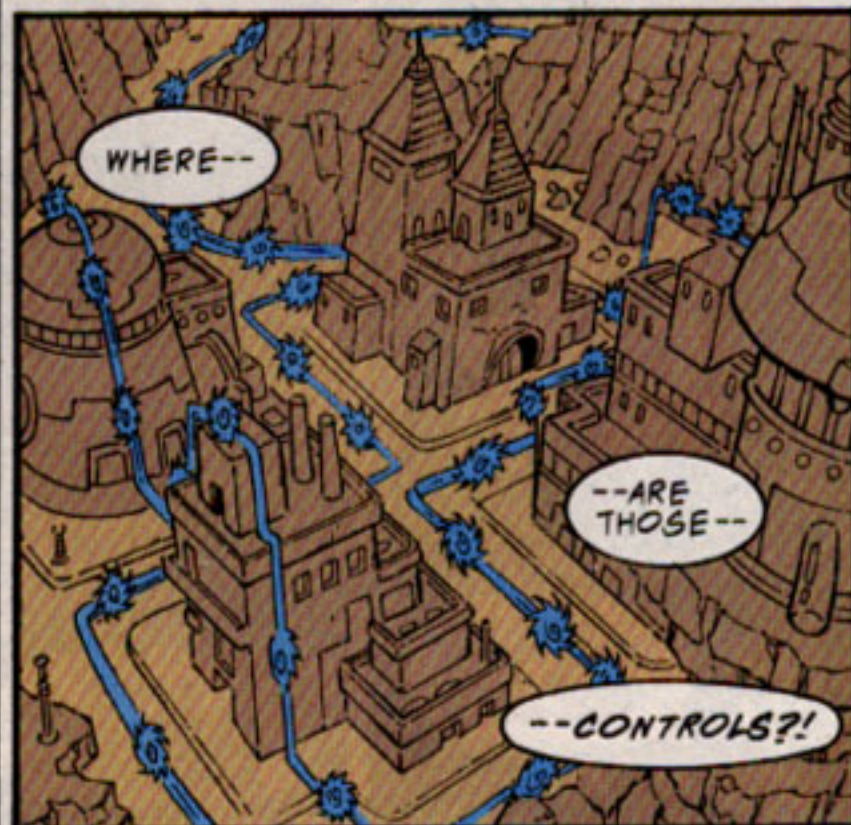
DROP IT,
TAILS--OR
ELSE!

OKAY, BUT
DON'T SAY I
DIDN'T WARN
YOU!



HEY-- BUT
YOU DIDN'T!

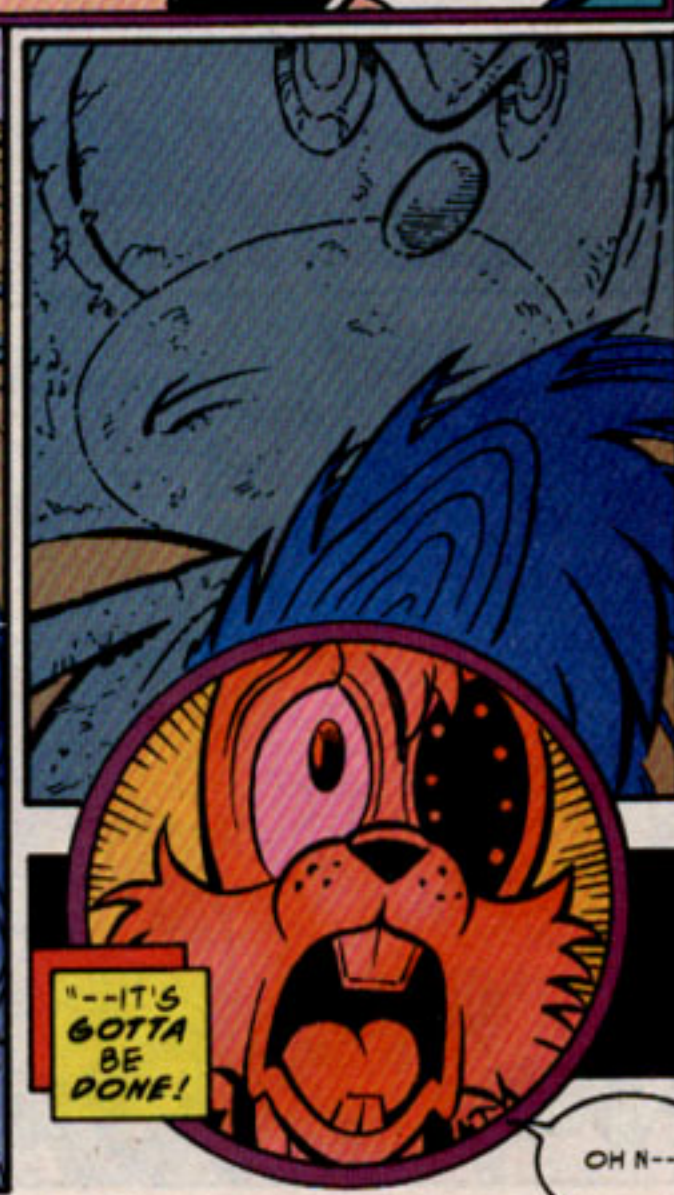
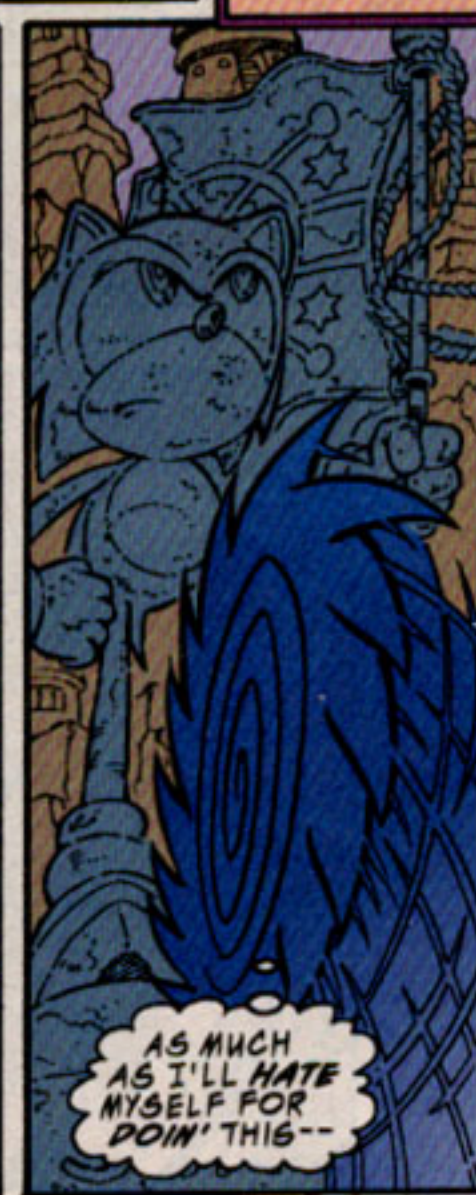
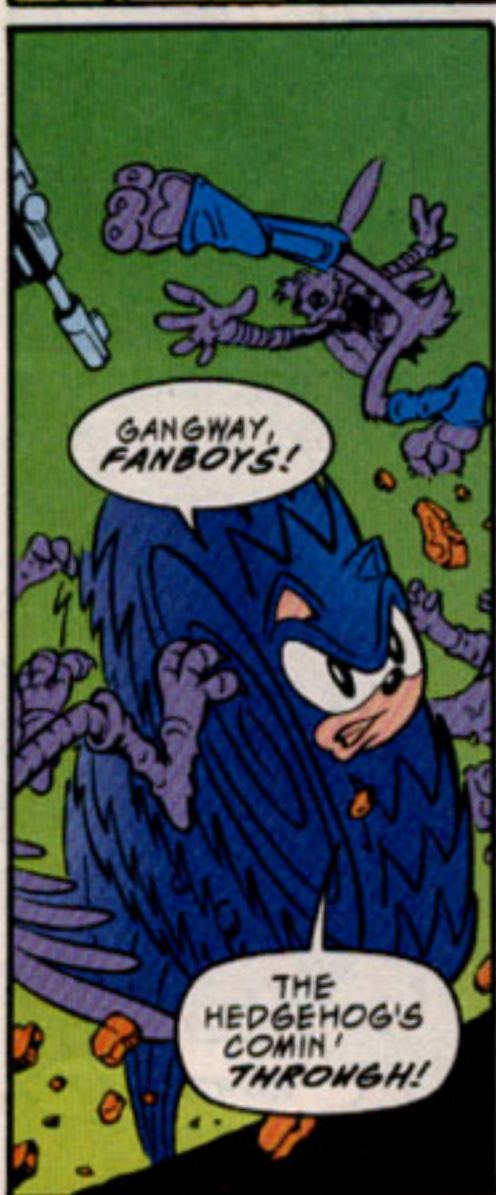
I TOLD YOU
NOT TO SAY
THAT! OH WELL
--AT LEAST
YOU CAN SAY
THAT YOU'VE
FINALLY MADE
IT TO THE
"TARP!"



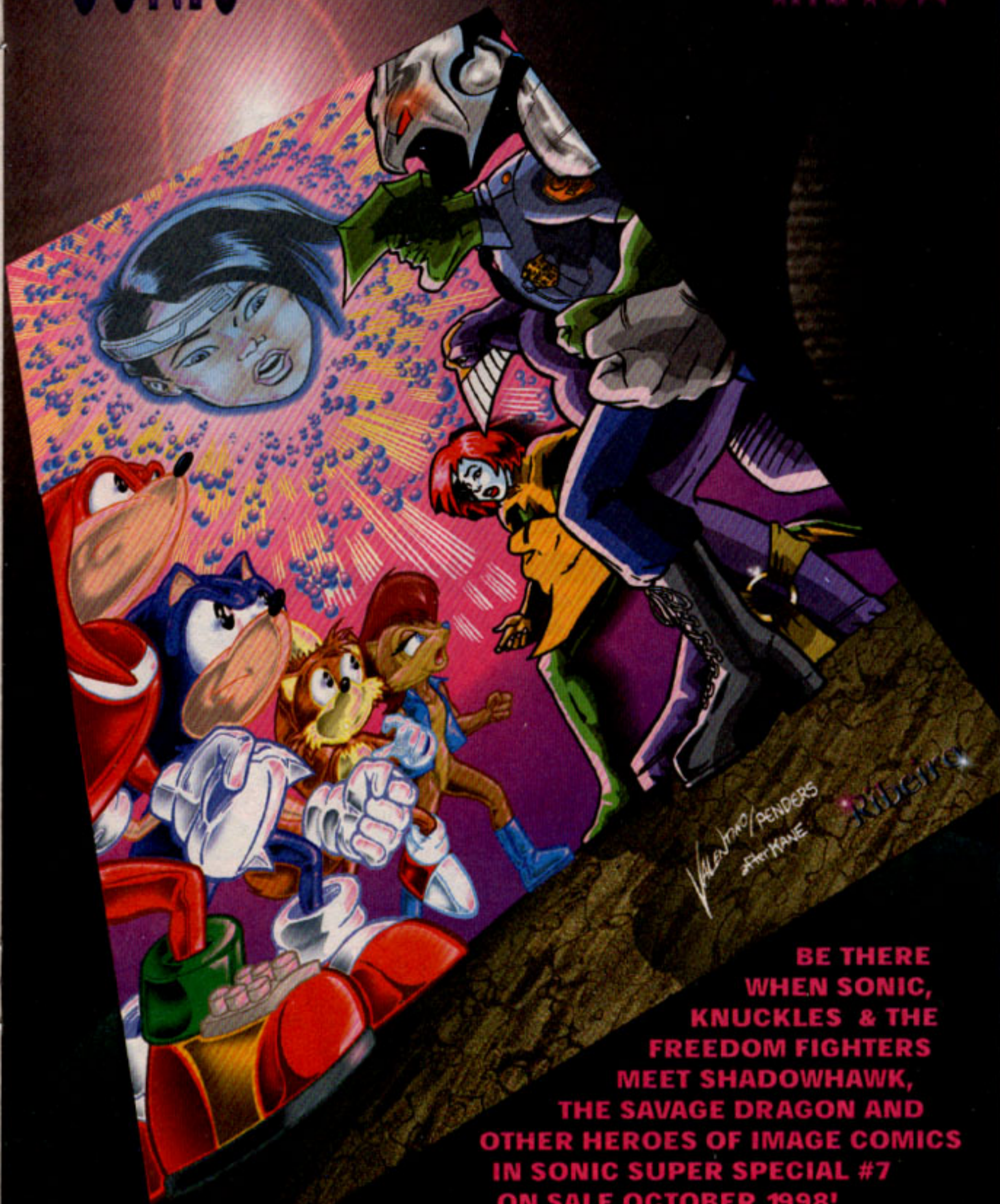
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--ARE
THOSE--

--CONTROLS?!



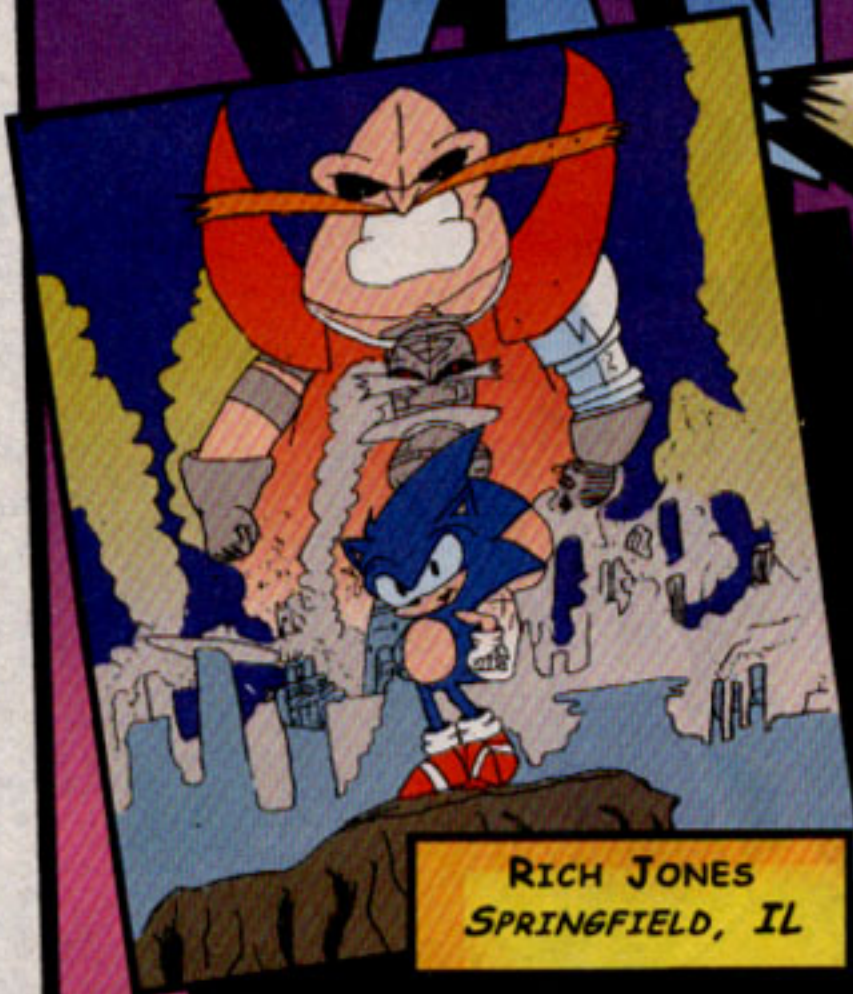
SONIC TAKES ON A WHOLE NEW IMAGE



**BE THERE
WHEN SONIC,
KNUCKLES & THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
MEET SHADOWHAWK,
THE SAVAGE DRAGON AND
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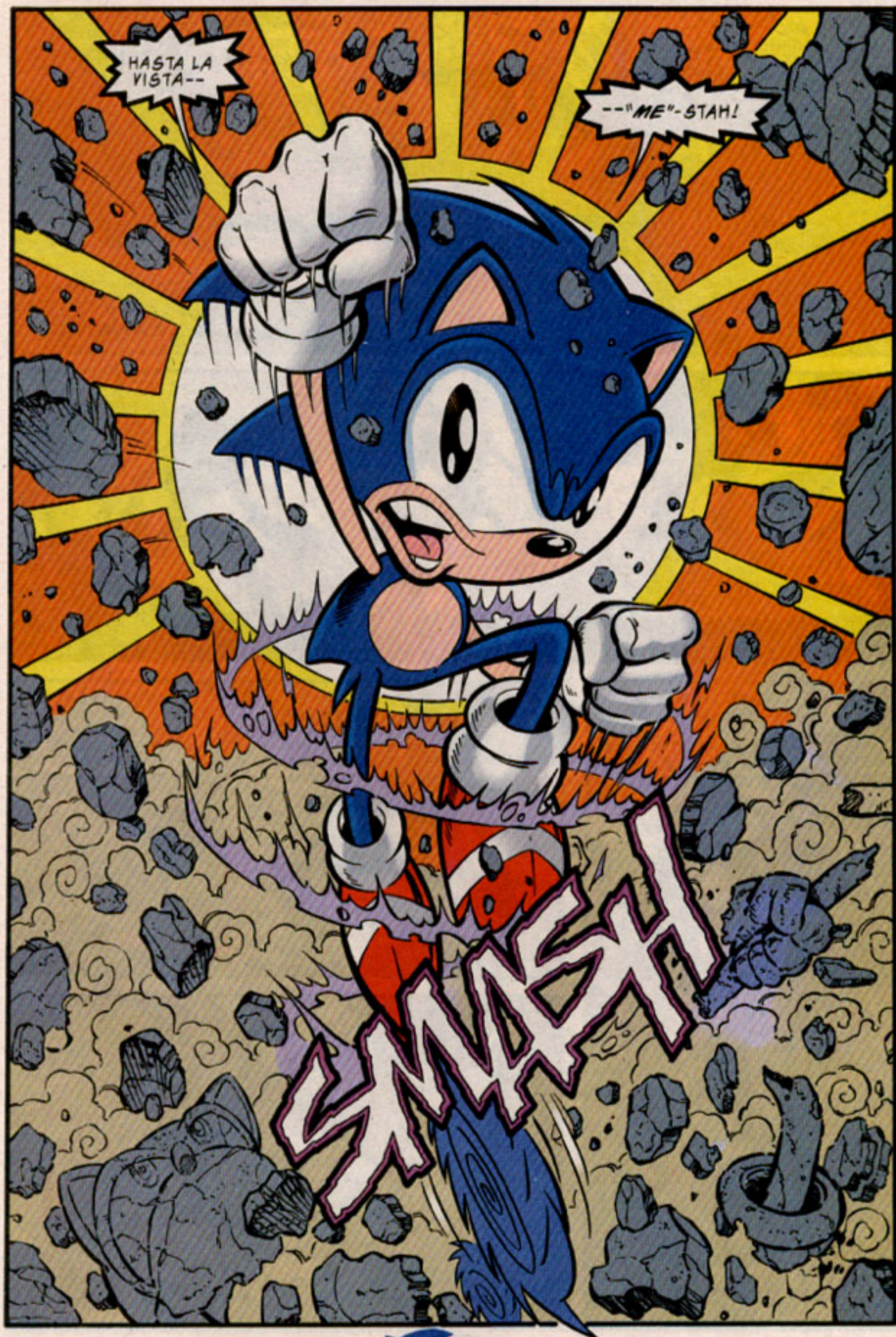
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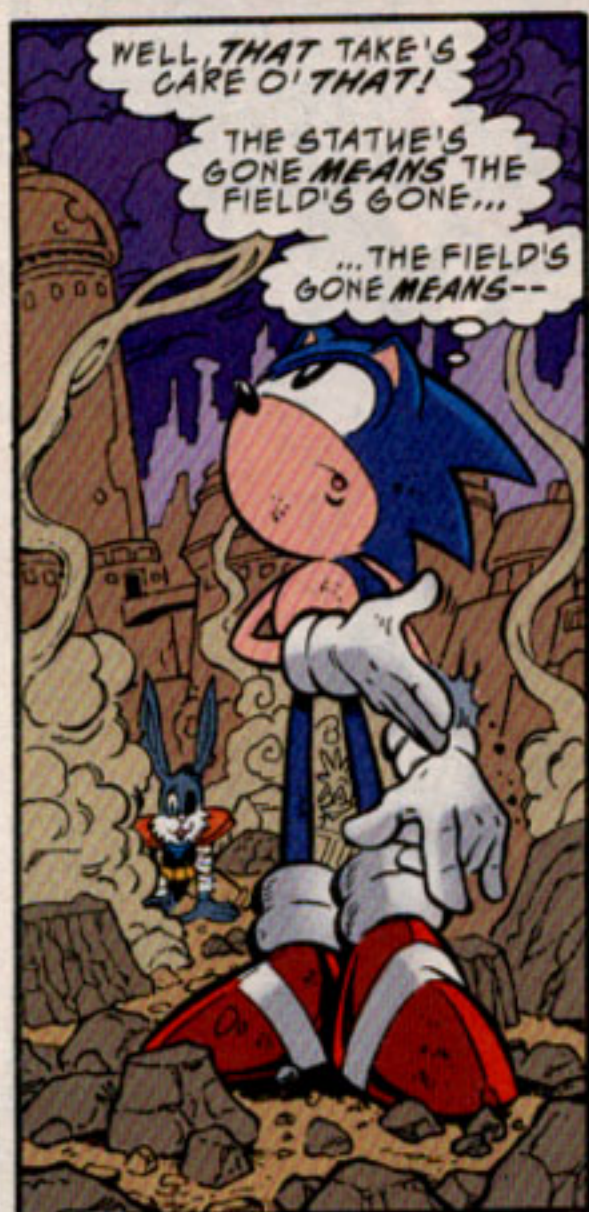
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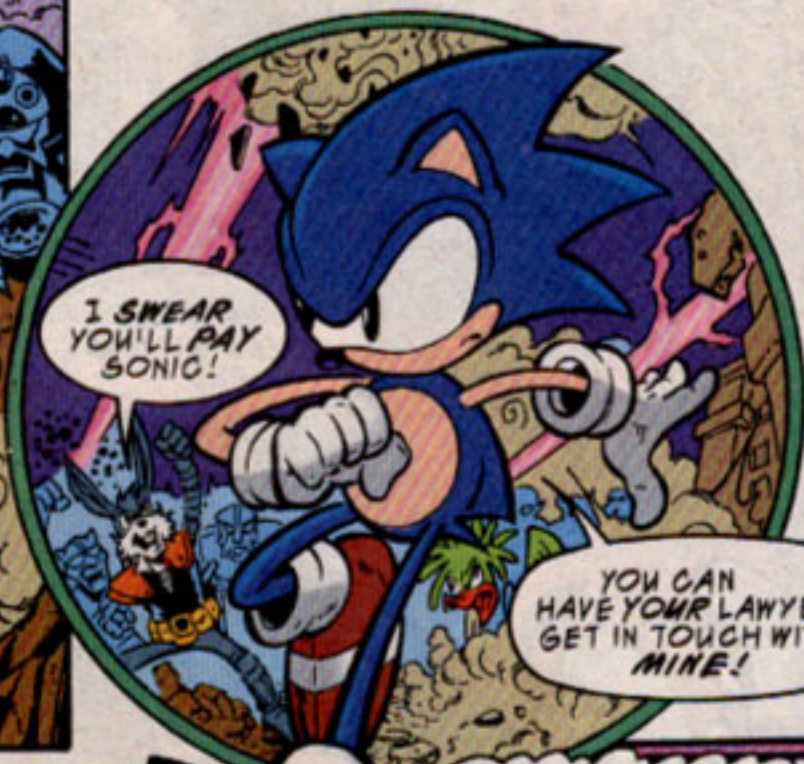




IT'S THEM!

THE ENEMY!

THE CALVARY!



I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY SONIC!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH MINE!



WHERE IS HE?!



NO SIGN O' TAILS! I HOPE HE MADE IT OUT!

MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE MY GOOSE IS COOKED!



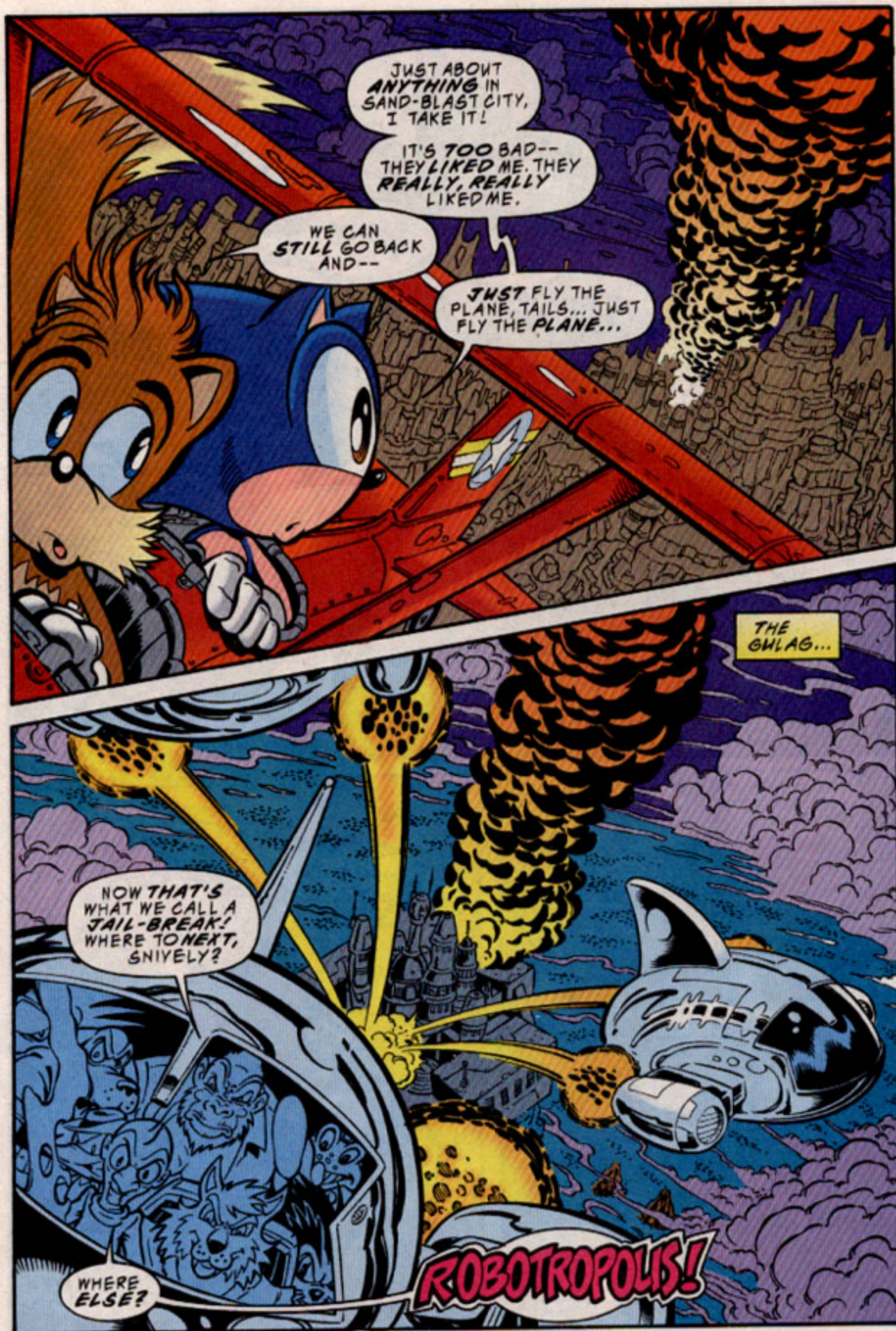
THERE HE IS! HANG ON BIG BLUE!

GOOD-BYE SALLY, MOM N' DAD, UNCLE CHUCK, ROTOR, BUNNIE, ROSIE, DULCY--



--TAILS!!

HI THERE! YOU KNOW WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY, THAT FLYING IS A LOT SAFER THAN--



JUST ABOUT
ANYTHING IN
SAND-BLAST CITY,
I TAKE IT!

IT'S TOO BAD--
THEY LIKED ME. THEY
REALLY, REALLY
LIKED ME.

WE CAN
STILL GO BACK
AND--

JUST FLY THE
PLANE, TAILS... JUST
FLY THE PLANE...

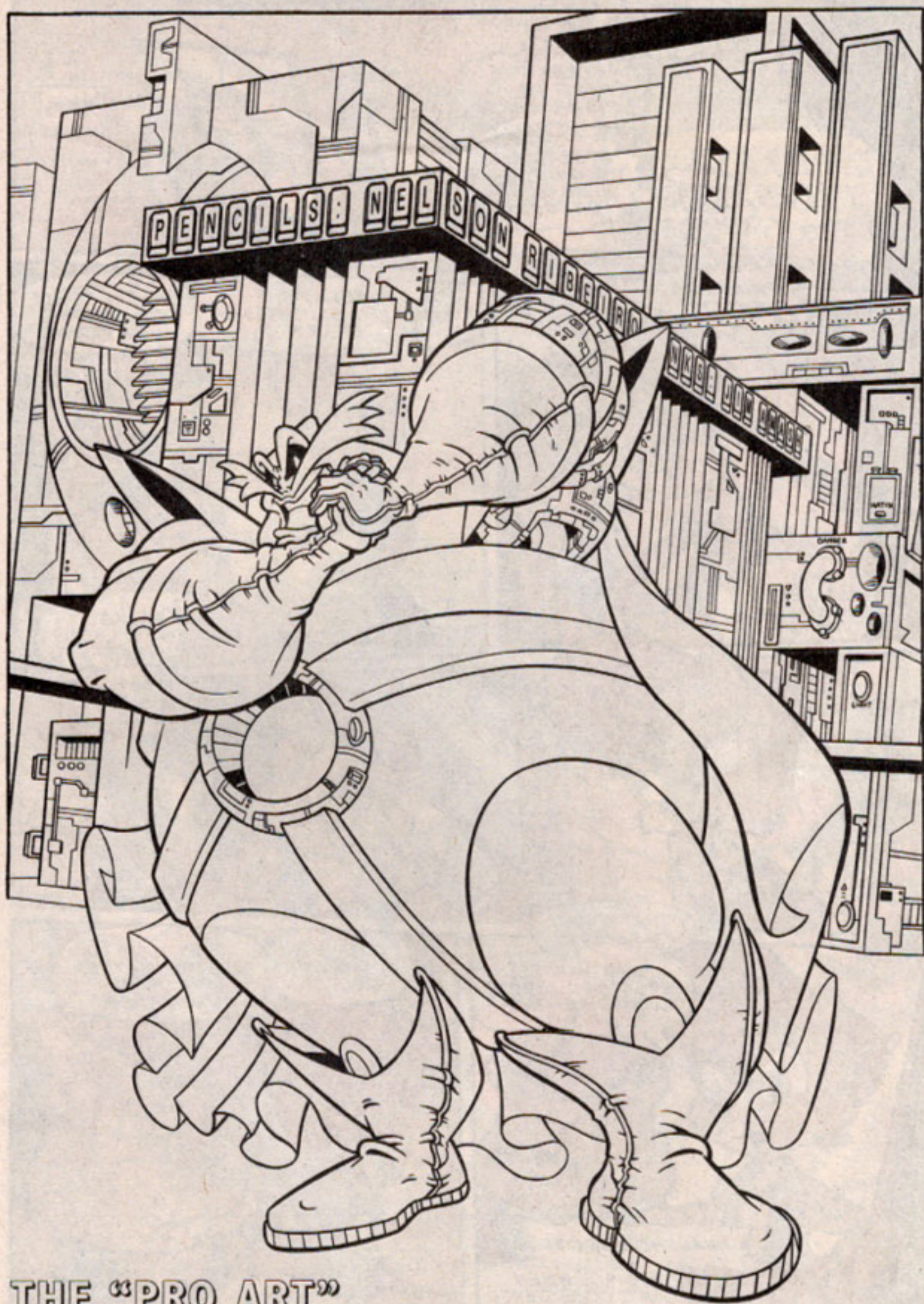
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NOW THAT'S
WHAT WE CALL A
JAIL-BREAK!
WHERE TO NEXT,
SNIVELY?

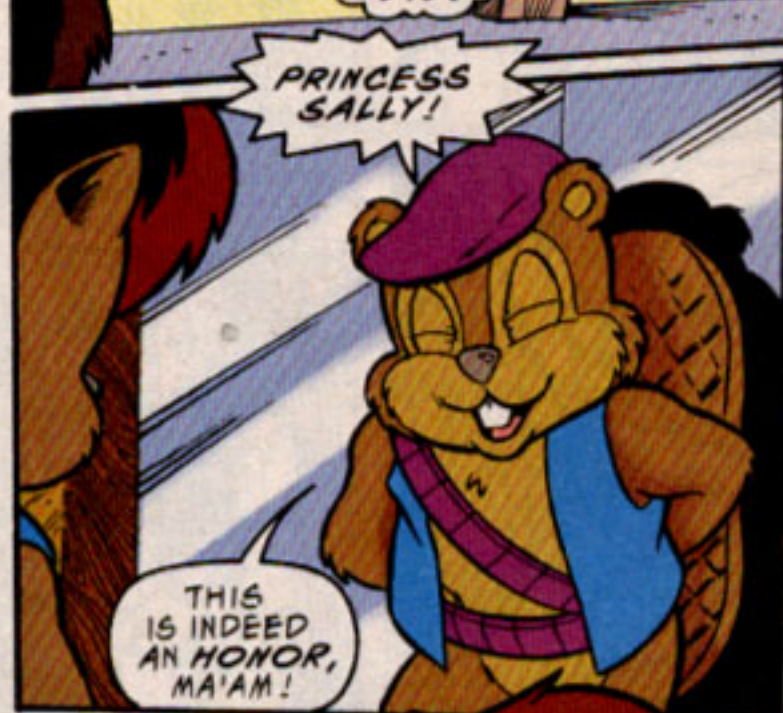
WHERE
ELSE?

ROBOTROPOLIS!

NEXT ISSUE: IXIS NAUGUS!



THE "PRO ART"
COLORING PAGE



"I BELIEVE HE
SAID SOMETHING
ABOUT A ROUTINE
WALK IN THE PARK."

Tales of the Freedom Fighters
Presents:

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN

ON HIS MAJESTY'S
SECRET SERVICE

PART 3

ON MY
MARK--

GET SET
TO MOVE
OUT, MATES!

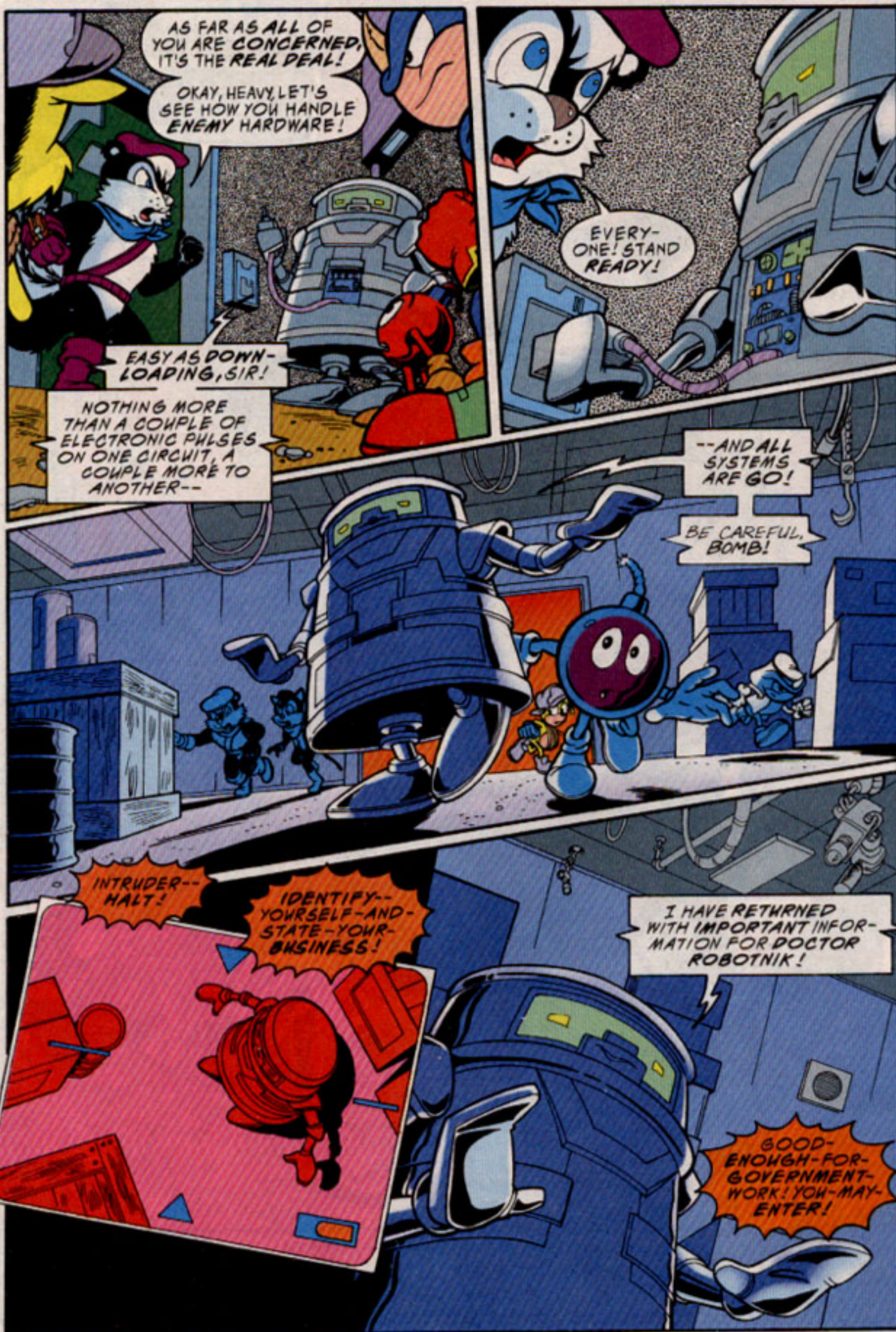
NOW!

LET'S
GO! GO!
GO!

I THOUGHT HE
SAID THIS WAS JUST
AN OBSTACLE
COURSE!

WELL,
WOMBAT STU--
IT SEEMS
PRETTY REAL
TO ME!

WRITTEN, INKED and COLORED by KEN PENDERS
PENCILED by ART MAWHINNEY LETTERED by JEFF POWELL
EDITED by JUSTIN GABRIE



AS FAR AS ALL OF YOU ARE CONCERNED, IT'S THE REAL DEAL!

OKAY, HEAVY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE ENEMY HARDWARE!

EVERY-ONE! STAND READY!

EASY AS DOWN-LOADING, SIR!

NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ELECTRONIC PULSES ON ONE CIRCUIT, A COUPLE MORE TO ANOTHER--

--AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!

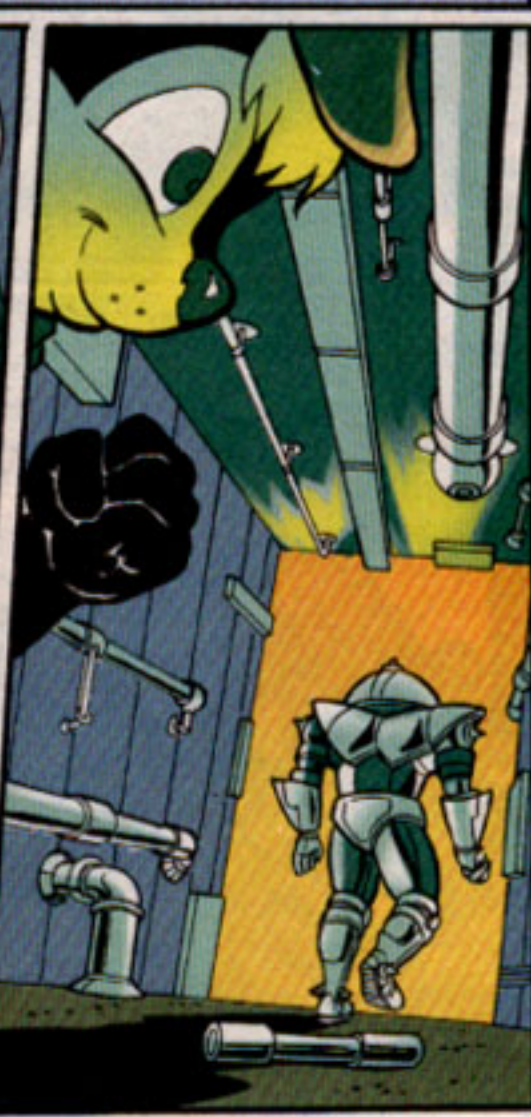
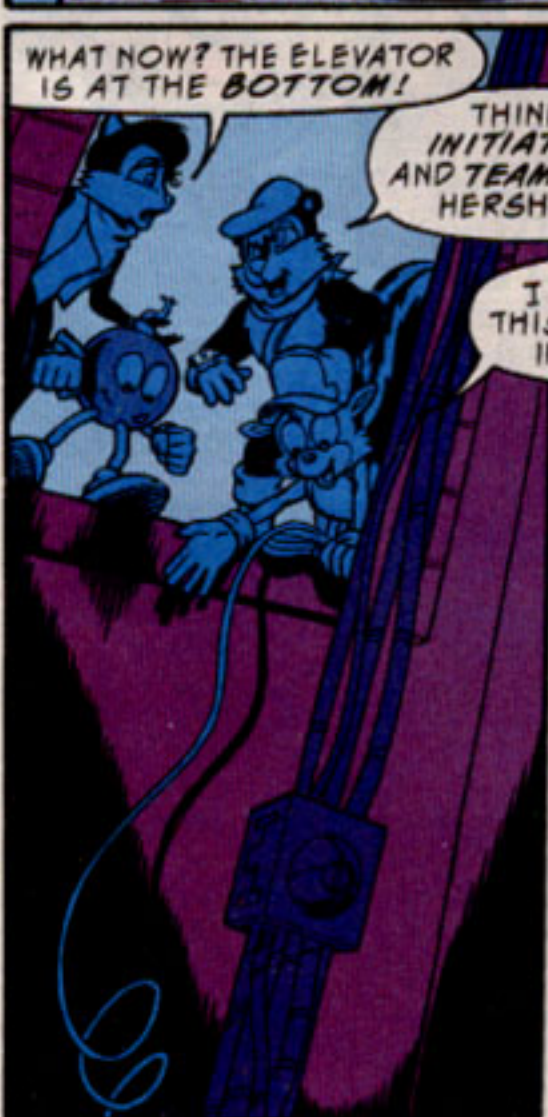
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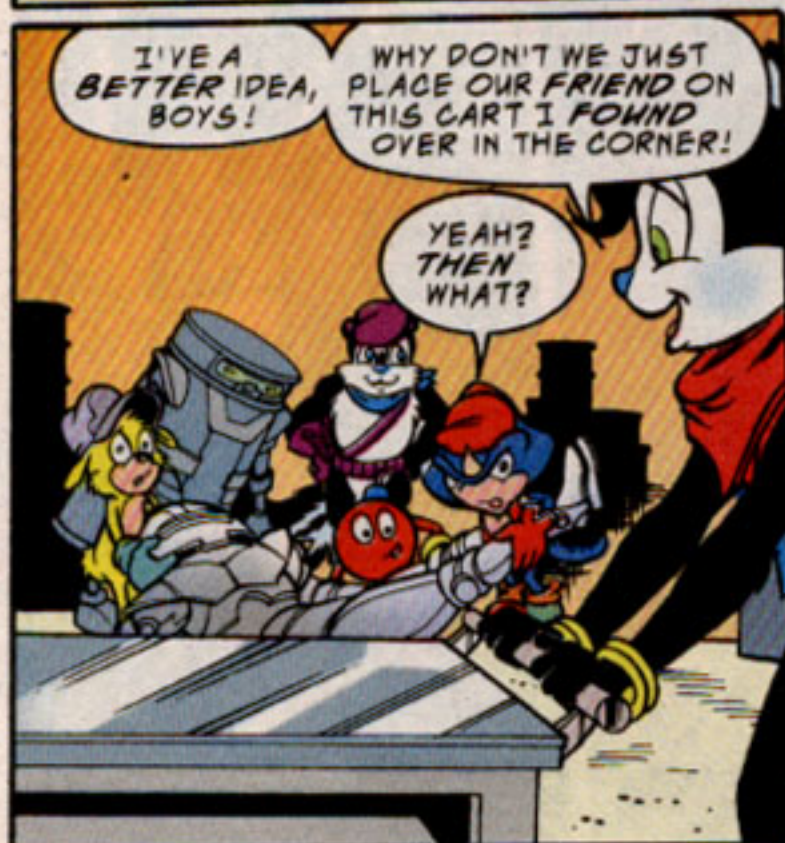
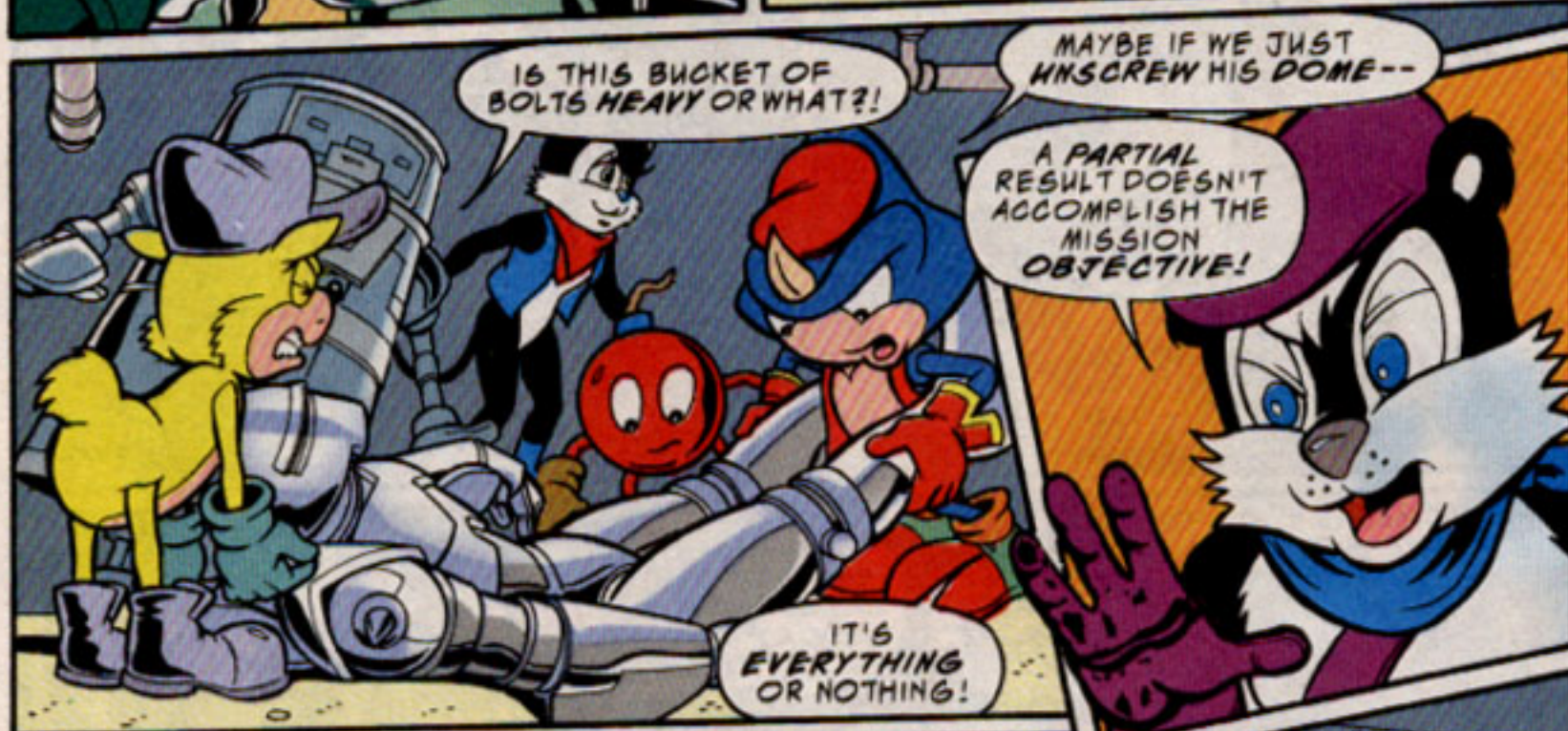
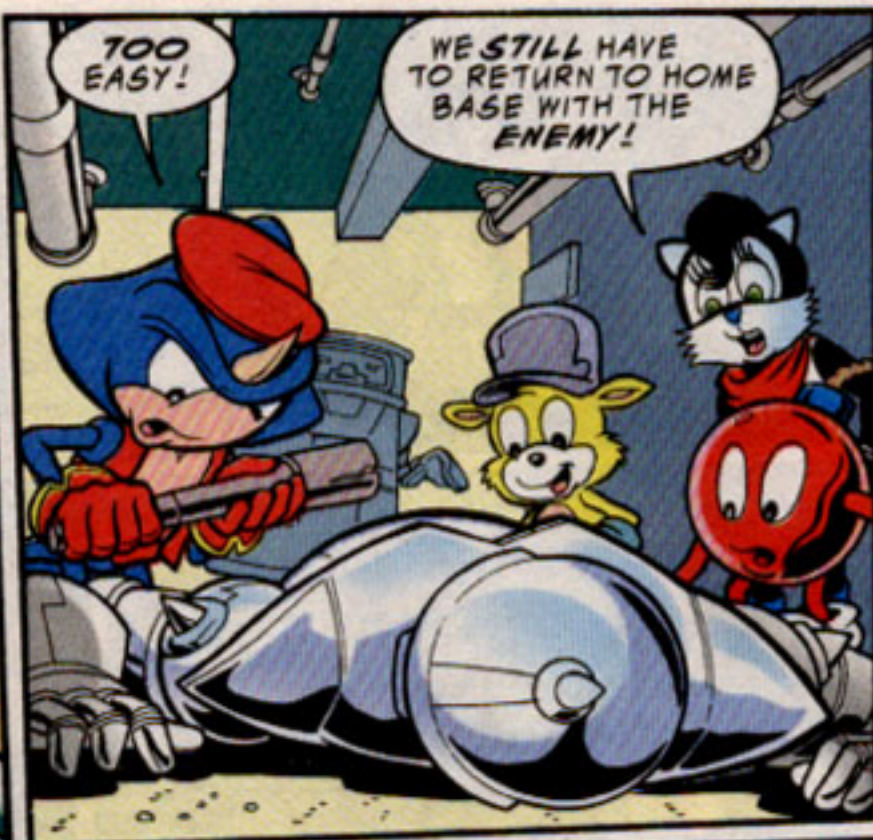
INTRUDER--HALT!

IDENTIFY--YOURSELF--AND--STATE--YOUR--BUSINESS!

I HAVE RETHURNED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

GOOD-ENOUGH-FOR-GOVERNMENT-WORK! YOH-MAY-ENTER!







SONIC-GRAMS

Justin F. Gabriele
Editor

THIS JUST IN! NAUGUS QUEST!



NEXT MONTH: YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT AND NOW IT'S FINALLY HERE... **IXIS NAUGUS!!!** SONIC AND TAILS CONFRONT THE SORCEROR SAVANT TO THE TRECHEROUS REGIONS OF THE **SOUTHERN TUNDRA**. HAVE OUR FREEDOM FIGHTING DUO REACHED IXIS IN TIME? WHAT SECRETS LIE WITHIN ITS ICY WAKE? WHATEVER IT IS, IXIS HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD TO FIND IT AND HE WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN HIS WAY. STORY BY **KARL BOLLERS** WITH ART BY **STEVEN BUTLER** AND **PAM EKLUND**. ALSO: PART FOUR OF **ST. JOHN'S "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE!"** ST. JOHN'S TEAM ARE INSTRUCTED ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT. BY **KEN PENDERS** AND ART **MAWHINNEY**. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #64 ON SALE AUGUST 1998!**

IN OTHER MORIAN NEWS...
IN TWO WEEKS: THE PAST AND THE PRESENT COLLIDE WHEN A MYSTERIOUS ECHIDNA MAKES HIS PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE FLOATING ISLAND. THE SECRETS HE POSSESSES CAN AFFECT THE LIVES OF NOT ONLY **KNUCKLES**, BUT THE **BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS** WHO STAND WATCH IN HAVEN AS WELL? STORY AND ART BY THE TEAM OF **PENDERS, GALAN AND PEPOY**. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #17 ON AUGUST '98!**



IN OTHER SEGA NEWS...
AND IN THREE WEEKS: PICKING UP FROM LAST ISSUE, **NIGHTS** IS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION. MEANWHILE, **ELLIOT** AND **CLARIS** CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN NOT ONLY **NIGHTS** BUT THE FABRIC OF LIFE ITSELF. ONLY **REALA** STANDS IN THEIR WAY AND HE'S NO PUSHOVER! THE EXCITING SAGA CONCLUDES IN THIS ISSUE BY WRITER **KARL BOLLERS** WITH ART BY FAN-FAVE **PATRICK SPAZIANTE**, ALONG WITH PENCIL FINISHES BY **SAM MAXWELL** AND INKS BY **HARVO**. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE **SPAZ/HARVO/HEROIC AGE** COMPUTER-MODELED COVER! **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #6 ON SALE AUGUST '98!** TO ORDER, LOOK FOR COUPONS IN THIS VERY ISSUE!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

Justin
FREDDY
GABRIE

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NOW IT'S TIME TO DISCUSS SONIC #55 & SONIC #56...

DEAR SONIC,

I FIGURED SINCE I'M GOING TO WRITE TO KNUCKLES EVERY MONTH ABOUT HIS LATEST ISSUE THEN WHY NOT YOU? SO STARTING WITH SONIC #55 PREPARE TO GET A LETTER FROM ME ABOUT EVERY ISSUE. SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO I SHALL START MY LETTER... MONKEY KHAN IS A PRETTY COOL DUDE, FOR A MONKEY. HE'S AN IMPROVEMENT OVER SERGEANT SIMIAN (PERSONALLY I THINK HE'S TOO DONKEY KONG-LIKE), BUT MONKEY KHAN IS WAY BETTER! I HOPE HE MAKES ANOTHER APPEARANCE SOON!

WELL IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S A BIT OF TROUBLE STARTING UP IN MOBOTROPOLIS, AS SEEN IN RISE OF THE ROBBIANS. I'M SURE KING ACORN DOESN'T REALLY WANT UNCLE CHUCK AND THE OTHER ROBBIANS DISMANTLED. SOMETHING MUST BE TERRIBLY WRONG WITH HIS JUDGMENT! AFTER ALL IF IT WASN'T FOR RUDYARD, ARLO MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN SAVED, AS SHOWN IN BRAVE NEW WORLD. TRUE, UNCLE CHUCK DID INVENT THE ROBOTOCIZER, BUT IT WAS MEANT TO HELP PEOPLE NOT HURT THEM.

KATHLEEN "KAT" D. NAJERA
LAKEWOOD, CA

YES, UNCLE CHUCK INVENTED THE ROBOTOCIZER TO TRY AND HELP PEOPLE BUT HE COULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT ROBOTNIK WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF IT AND TRY TO ENSLAVE ALL THE PEOPLE ON MOBIUS. NOW TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT MONKEY KHAN. WELL YOU KNOW THAT HE AND SONIC DID NOT GET OFF TO A GOOD START AFTER THE EGGBOTS FREED HIM FROM HIS PRISON. BUT BY THE END, THEY BECAME FRIENDS. HOPE YOU CAUGHT HIM IN SONIC #60. BUT IF YOU MISSED IT THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR SONIC #70 IN WHICH HE'LL MAKE HIS NEXT APPEARANCE.

DEAR SONIC,

I HAVE GOT TWO WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR FINAL FIST FIGHT WITH ROBOTNIK IN ISSUE #50 OR THE MEGA BATTLE BETWEEN SUPER SONIC, HYPER KNUCKLES AND TURBO TAILS AGAINST THE AWESOME POWER OF MAMMOTH MOGUL WHEN HE BECAME MASTER MOGUL IN SONIC #56:

MMMMOOOORRRRTTTTAAALLLL KKKXOOOOM-
MMMBBBAATTTT!!! NOT SINCE LIU KANG
VERSUS SHANG TSUNG HAVE I SEEN SUCH
BATTLES! WHEW!

AND NOW ON TO KING ACORN: HE WANTS TO DESTROY THE ROBOTOCIZED MOBIANS JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE OUTCASTS? I HAVE GOT A QUESTION FOR SALLY, "WHAT THE HECK HAS GOTTEN INTO YOUR FATHER?" HE'S CHANGED FROM "KING THEODIN" TO "CAPTAIN BLOOD" FOR PETE'S SAKE.

WILLIAM CROWE
EVANSVILLE, IN.

THAT FIGHT WITH ROBOTNIK IN #50 WAS A TOUGH ONE BUT JUST BE GLAD THAT HE IS GONE. NOW MOBIANS HVE THE CHANCE TO REBUILD AGAIN. AND YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO RELIVE IT AGAIN IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6. DON'T MISS IT! ON TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT KING ACORN: THE ANSWER TO THE CAUSE OF THE KING'S PROBLEM APPEARED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4: RETURN OF THE KING. IN THAT ISSUE, WE FOUND OUT THAT IXIS NAUGUS WAS THE TRUE CULPRIT BEHIND THE KING'S "PROBLEM." HE WAS THE WIZARD WHOM KING ACORN WAS FORCED TO MAKE A DEAL WITH IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE. BECAUSE OF THAT BARGAIN, HALF OF HIS BODY WAS TURNED TO CRYSTAL WHEN HE RETURNED TO MOBIUS. THAT CRYSTALLIZATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR IXIS TO TAKE CONTROL OF HIS MIND. IT'S IXIS WHO WANTS TO DISMANTLE THE ROBOTOCIZED CITIZENS OF MOBIUS, NOT THE KING.

DEAR SONIC,

YOUR COMIC IS GREAT! THE ART IN THE LAST FEW ISSUES HAS BEEN MAGNIFICENT! THE STORIES KEEP GETTING BETTER! I LIKE IT WHEN MEMBERS OF THE SUPPORTING CAST PLAY A MORE PROMINENT ROLE LIKE ANTOINE DID IN ISSUE #55.

TIM DUTCHER
SAINT CLOUD, WI.

WELL, TIM, IT WAS FORTUNATE FOR SONIC THAT ANTOINE WAS THERE BECAUSE ONCE MONKEY KHAN SPLIT WITH SALLY, THEY HAD TO FACE THE EGGBOTS ALONE. WHETHER OR NOT BOTH SONIC AND ANTOINE COULD HANDLE THOSE BOTS DIDN'T MATTER MUCH WHEN MONKEY KHAN CAME BACK (AFTER SALLY PERSUADED HIM TO) AND FRIED SOME ROBOT BUTT.



WHOA!

SONIC #56 WAS AWESOME. I READ IT TWICE TO MAKE SURE I HADN'T MISSED ANYTHING. IT WAS CERTAINLY A CLIMACTIC ENDING AND I WAS SURPRISED SO MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE COMIC. LATELY, THE WRITERS HAVE BEEN TEASING THE READERS WITH LOOSE ENDS, KEEPING US AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS THE HEROES. WITH THE END OF THE ENERJAK/MOGUL STORY LINE, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A TRIUMPHATE OF HEROES: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG - PROTECTOR OF MOBIUS; KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA - GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND; TAILS - THE CHOSEN ONE. I FOR ONE THINK THE FUTURE STORIES IN BOTH SONIC & KNUCKLES HAVE MUCH PROMISE!

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WELL, THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMENTS. SEE YOU IN THIRTY. AND REMEMBER...



KEEP
ON
JUICIN'!